(b) whether there is any proposal before the Government to appoint a woman doctor at the Kasaragod taluk headquarters hospital; and

(c) whether they are aware that the woman doctor appointed for the Puttur taluk headquarters hospital sits and sees patients in the same room and at the same table along with the other medical man?

A.—(a) No.

(b) No.

(c) Yes; because the out-patient block of the hospital is a small one. The examination of women patients is, however, done by the woman doctor in the female dressing room.

Restrictions on the issue of medical certificates by L.I.M. certificate holders.

* 618 Q.—S. M. K. BEYABANI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the members of the staff of Government School of Indian Medicine, Madras, are authorized to issue medical certificates to Government servants, but that the students who pass from the same school and hold certificates of L.I.M. are not allowed to do the same; and

(b) if so, on what grounds?

A.—(a) & (b).—Medical certificates granted to Government servants by the members of the staff of the Indian Medical School can be accepted only if the members—

(i) have registered their names under the Medical Registration Act (IV of 1914), or

(ii) are holders of the diploma of Licentiate in Indian Medicine and have their names registered under the rules for the registration of practitioners of Indian medicine approved by the Government.

Certificates granted by L.I.Ms. to Government servants examined or treated by them may be accepted if the L.I.Ms. have registered their names under the rules referred to in (ii) above.

Public Health

Progress of the scheme for the supply of drinking water from the Mettur reservoir to Salem.

* 619 Q.—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) at what stage the scheme for the supply of drinking water to Salem Municipality from Mettur reservoir is;

(b) what the proposals are which the Government made to the municipality;

(c) whether the municipality of Salem has accepted the proposals;

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(*d*) whether copies of the Government proposals and the reply of the municipality will be placed on the table; and

(*e*) if the proposals have not been forwarded to the municipality, what the reasons are for the delay?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*e*).—The financing of the scheme is still under the consideration of the Government. No proposals have yet been referred to the municipal council.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER :—" May I know what is the difficulty with regard to financing the scheme? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" In answer to a previous question I have given details. The Government are now considering the question of fixing a water-rate for water taken by the municipality."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER :—" Is the water taken by the municipality also to be charged, Sir? "

The hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" Yes, Sir."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Measures for the constitution of Temple Committees under the Hindu Religious Endowments Act.

* 620 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what steps the Government have taken for the constitution of the elected Temple Committees under the Hindu Religious Endowments Act;

(*b*) the districts where such committees have not been constituted and the reasons therefor; and

(*c*) whether the financial position of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board has not improved after the passing of the amended Act giving the Board more powers and whether such improved finances are in any manner utilized for the purpose of the constitution of the elected committees?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*).—Owing to lack of funds it has not been possible in many districts to hold elections for the constitution of the committees. The Government have under consideration the question of amending the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act, 1926 (II of 1927), so as to enable them to reconstitute the committees by nomination. Committees have been constituted in the districts of South Arcot, Tanjore and Tinnevelly. In the Madura district a committee is working in respect of the Sri Minakshi Sundareswarar Devasthanam and its allied institutions.

(*c*) The financial position of the Board has improved to a certain extent, but the Board is not as yet in a position to spare funds for the purpose.